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FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5366

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

AMCONSUL WINNIPEG

S E C R E T VIENNA 3214

E.O. 11652: ADS

TAGS: MILI, AU, CA

SUBJECT: APPARENT ATTEMPT TO EXPORT U.S. MUNITIONS LIST
ARTICLES WITHOUT LICENSE

REF: STATE 080229

1. EMBASSY CONTACTED SEKTIONS RAT DR. FISCHER IN TRADE
MINISTRY CONCERNING REF. FISCHER'S OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR IMPORT OF SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT SUBJECT TO AUSTRIAN
IMPORT CERTIFICATES.

2. FISCHER RECALLED SEEING ORIGINAL PRESS COVERAGE,
WHICH REPORTED IN VIENNA 2930. HE SAID THAT AN AUSTRIAN
GOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENT WISHING TO IMPORT SUCH HIGHLY
SENSITIVE ITEM WOULD AUTOMATICALLY CONTACT HIS OFFICE,
EVEN THOUGH NO IMPORT CERTIFICATE REQUIRED. FISCHER
STATED FLATLY THAT HIS OFFICE HAS RECEIVED NO APPLICATION
FROM GOVERNMENTAL OR OTHER SOURCES FOR IMPORT OF ANY
EQUIPMENT FROM PHOTO-SONICS.

3. FYI, FISCHER'S SECRETARY REPORTED THAT SHE
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RECENTLY RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM UNKNOWN FIRM,

NAME OF WHICH WAS UNCLEAR BUT WHICH CONTAINED WORD
"SONICS" AS PART OF TITLE. CALLER ASKED IF CAMERAS
(TYPE AND MAKE UNSPECIFIED) WERE SUBJECT TO IMPORT
LICENSE. SECRETARY SAID QUOTE NO UNQUOTE.

4. THERE NO RECORD OF PHOTO-SONICS BEING REPRESENTED
IN AUSTRIA. HOWEVER, FIRM IS APPARENTLY REPRESENTED
IN ITALY BY MECCANICA CINEMATOGRAFICA DONELLI,
VIA AVENTINA 41, ROME.

5. NO IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON HUGO
HABL. HE NOT LISTED IN AMSTETTEN OR NEIGHBORING
TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES. NOTE THERE IS A DR. FRANZ HABL,
LAWYER, IN HAAG, LOWER AUSTRIA, HOLINGRUBERSTRASSE 13.

6. MFA OFFICIAL PROVIDED PRELIMINARY INCOMPLETE ORAL
RESPONSE SUGGESTING THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SWAROVSKI AND DEFENSE MINISTRY
RE PARA 5 REFTEL. MORE COMPLETE REPORT, EXPECTED
LATER IN WEEK, WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN IT BECOMES
AVAILABLE.

7. THIS INITIAL REPORT OFFERED NOW IN VIEW PRESS
STORIES THAT HEARING ON CASE CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE
IN U.S. BUCHANAN

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Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ARMS EXPORT LICENSES, EXPORT CONTROLS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
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Disposition Approved on Date:
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Disposition Case Number: n/a
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